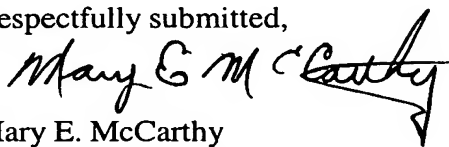


REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being made upon entry of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/003678 into the U.S. National Phase of prosecution.

An Abstract on a separate sheet is attached as required under 37 CFR 1.72(b). Claims 1, 3-16, and 20 have been amended to conform with proper US formatting. Claims 17-19, 22 and 23 have been cancelled. Claims 24-27 have been added. No new matter is believed added. Entry of this amendment into the record is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary E. McCarthy", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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